

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) Water in oil emulsion comprising from 20 to 90 wt% fat and from 2 to 20 wt% of a sterol fatty acid ester selected from phytosterol fatty acid ester, phytostanol fatty acid ester or a mixture thereof, characterized in that the emulsion further comprises from 1.5 ppm to 1 wt% folic acid.

Claim 2 (Original) Water in oil emulsion according to claim 1 wherein the amount of folic acid is from 5 ppm to 0.01 wt%.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) Water in oil emulsion according to claim 1 further comprising vitamin B6 and vitamin B12.

Claim 4 (Original) Water in oil emulsion according to claim 3 wherein the amount of vitamin B6 is from 0.0010 to 0.5 wt% on total emulsion weight and the amount of vitamin B12 is from 0.000005 to 0.0005 wt% on total emulsion weight.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) Water in oil emulsion according to claim 1 ~~wherein the~~ having a D₃,3 of the dispersed water phase is of from 2 to 8 μ m.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) Water in oil emulsion according to claim 1 wherein the sterol fatty acid ester is selected from the group comprising fatty acid ester of β -

sitosterol, β -sitostanol, campesterol, campestanol, stigmasterol, stigmastanol or a mixture thereof.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) Method for the preparation of a water in oil emulsion according to claim 1 wherein folic acid is added according to any of steps (a, b, c) or a combination thereof:

- a. Folic acid is added onto a carrier and as such dosed into an emulsion or an aqueous phase
- b. Folic acid is added into the aqueous phase of an oil in water emulsion, homogenised by stirring for a few seconds, after which the emulsion is inverted into the corresponding water in oil emulsion through high speed stirring.
- c. Folic acid is pre-dispersed in one or a combination of the ingredients of the emulsion.

Claim 8 (Canceled)